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In re Application of:

M. Saito *et al.*

Application No.: 09/686,370

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR
CONSERVATION OF
PROCESSING GASES (as
amended)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of May 28, 2002. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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First Named Inventor: Masashi Saito

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 28, 2002
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed:

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. ☒ \$740.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (one- Month) \$110.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$740.00 and \$110.00 are enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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